Uranium Deposits in Gulbarga, Karnataka

2353. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether rich Uranium deposits have been found in Gulbarga, in Karnataka;

(b) if so, its potential in generation of electricity; and

(c) the planning in regard to setting up of nuclear plants in Nagarjuna Sagar and Srikakulam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes Sir. The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) of the Department of Atomic Energy located significant uranium anomalies associated with brecciated limestone near Gogi in Gulbarga District, Karnataka. Studies on reserve estimation and extractability of the ore have been taken up thereafter.

(b) Potential of the uranium deposit at Gogi for generation of electricity can be established only after completion of the on-going studies relating to estimation of the ore reserve and examination of the economic aspects of ore extraction.

(c) Nagarjuna Sagar and Kovvada in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh have been identified as possible sites for further investigation in respect of setting up nuclear power plant. There is, however, no plan as yet to establish a nuclear power station in Andhra Pradesh.

Dancers Sponsored by ICCR

2354. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of dancers/dance troupes sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for concert tours abroad from 1989-90 to 1995-96 year-wise;